

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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## **Weekend Overnight Closures Planned For I-405**

Freeway will be closed in both directions Friday and Saturday night to demolish east half of the Seal Beach Boulevard Bridge

ORANGE – The San Diego Freeway (I-405) is scheduled to be fully closed in both directions from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Friday night and Saturday night between Valley View Street and Studebaker Road.

The overnight closures are necessary so crews can demolish the east half of the Seal Beach Boulevard bridge as part of the West County Connectors project. The newly constructed west half of the bridge – with two lanes in each direction – opened to traffic Sunday, Sept. 15.

Seal Beach Boulevard over the freeway will be closed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. both Friday and Saturday nights.

The southbound I-405 will be closed at Studebaker Road and the following detours are recommended:

- **DETOUR I:** Exit Studebaker Road and turn right; turn left on E. 2nd Street (becomes Westminster Boulevard); continue on Westminster Boulevard to access southbound I-405 on-ramp
- **DETOUR II:** Exit Studebaker Road turn right; turn left on E. 2nd Street (becomes Westminster Boulevard); continue on Westminster Boulevard; turn left on Bolsa Chica Road; turn right on Garden Grove Boulevard to access eastbound SR-22 on-ramp

The northbound I-405 will close between Valley View Street and the I-605 interchange and the following detours are recommended:

- **DETOUR I:** Exit Valley View Street (left on Garden Grove Boulevard), turn left on Valley View Street; turn right on Westminster Avenue; turn right on Studebaker Road to access the westbound SR-22 / 7th Street on-ramp or continue north to access the northbound I-405 on-ramp
- **DETOUR II:** Exit Valley View Street (left on Garden Grove Boulevard); turn right on Valley View Street; turn left on Katella Avenue to access northbound I-605 on-ramp

The westbound SR-22 will be closed from Valley View Street to the northbound I-405 interchange and the following detours are recommended:

- **DETOUR I:** Exit Valley View Street and turn left; turn right on Westminster Avenue; turn right on Studebaker Road to access westbound SR-22 / 7th Street on-ramp or northbound I-405 on-ramp
- **DETOUR II:** Exit Valley View Street and turn right; turn left on Katella Avenue to access the northbound I-605 on-ramp

The \$277 million West County Connectors project will improve traffic flow by directly connecting carpool lanes on I-405, I-605 and SR-22. In addition, a second carpool lane will be constructed on I-405 between SR-22 and I-605. The 6-mile project traverses the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Long Beach and the community of Rossmoor. Started in 2010, construction on the West County Connectors project is expected to be complete in late 2014 or early 2015.

For more information regarding the upcoming closure, visit: www.octa.net/wccdetourmap

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